HOUSE BILL 3669

By Stewart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 59, Chapter 8, Part 4 and Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 1, relative to coal surface mining.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Common Sense Compliance Act".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 59-8-406, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

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- (1) Each applicant for a coal surface mining permit shall submit as part of the permit application to the commissioner a statement of the applicant's:
 - (A) Technical and financial means to achieve the permit's requirements;
 - (B) Current and long-term financial stability for the permit period;
 - (C) Previous coal surface mining permit applications and grants made by such applicant and the applicant's primary principals' other business ventures; and
 - (D) Compliance records regarding all such previous coal surface mining permits issued to the applicant and all of the applicant's primary principals' other business ventures.
- (2) If the commissioner determines that an applicant would not be able to comply with any requirement for a permit, the permit shall not be issued.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.